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FRIENDS OF BERTIE HIGGINS FAN CLUB

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FROM BERTIE....

THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN EXCITING AND BUSY. AS MOST OF YOU MAY KNOW BURT REYNOLDS INVITED ME TO WRITE A SONG FOR HIS ABC MYSTERY "B. L. STRYKER". BURT AND SONNY LIMBO WERE CO-WRITERS ON "PALM BEACH". I WAS ALSO ASKED TO APPEAR ON THE SHOW AS MYSELF AND SING "PALM BEACH" AND "FLORIDA", A SONG THAT I HAD WRITTEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO. WORKING WITH BURT, LONI ANDERSON AND THE ENTIRE "STRYKER" CAST AND CREW WAS WONDERFUL.

WE HAVE JUST RECENTLY BEEN IN THE STUDIO IN NASHVILLE RECORDING SOME NEW MATERIAL. THE NEW MUSIC HAS MORE OF A COUNTRY SOUND THAN ANYTHING I HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY. MY PRODUCER ON THIS PROJECT, DOUG JOHNSON, WILL BE "SHOPPING" THE MAJOR LABELS FOR A RECORD DEAL. WE FEEL REALLY GOOD ABOUT THIS MATERIAL. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL OF THE SPECIAL HOLIDAY AND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS. I ENJOYED THEM ALL. SEE YOU IN JUNE AT FAN FAIR.

"HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU..."

Bertie 



FROM DIANE.....

IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE SOME OF MY MOST FAVORITE PHOTOS. THIS ONE WAS TAKEN SHORTLY AFTER I MET BERTIE AND ALWAYS REMINDS ME OF MY FIRST "ROAD TRIP WITH BERTIE AND THE "PARADISE BAND". MY LIFE HAS BEEN ANYTHING BUT "NORMAL" EVER SINCE. IN ADDITION TO THE FAN CLUB, I RUN BERTIE'S OFFICE AND COORDINATE MERCHANDISE SALES ON THE ROAD. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO MANY FUN & INTERESTING THINGS. BEING ON THE "STRYKER" SET WITH BERTIE WAS AN OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE. AND YES BURT AND LONI ARE AS NICE AS THEY SEEM. IN FACT EVERYONE IN THE "STRYKER" OPERATION IS GREAT. ENJOY...

"ON THE ROAD" IN NORMAL, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 1987

Diane

"ONLY YESTERDAY"

THIS SWEET LOOKING LITTLE BOY IS BERTIE AT THE AGE OF 5. I'M SURE HE WAS CATCHING THE EYE OF ALL THE YOUNG LADIES IN THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS.



THIS IS A FAVORITE PHOTO OF YOUR FAN CLUB PRESIDENT. BERTIE AND HIS SECOND SON JULIAN IN THE SOUND BOOTH AT SOUTHERN TRACKS STUDIO. THIS WAS TAKEN IN MARCH OF 1988....JULIAN WAS FOUR.



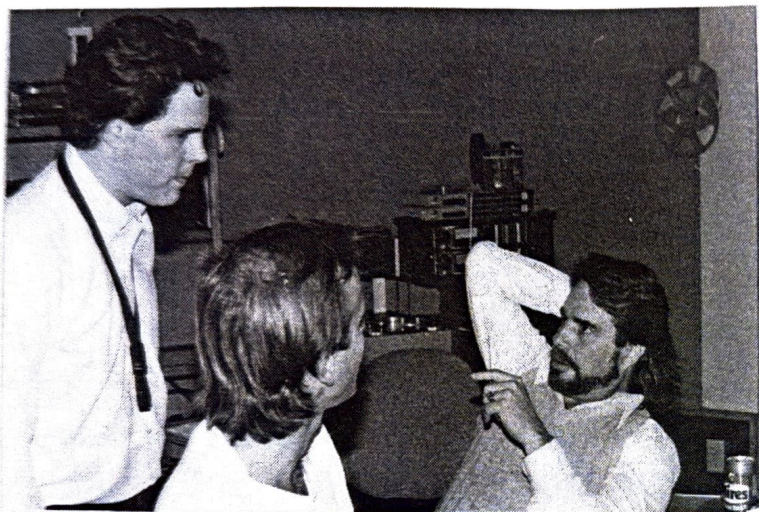
ATLANTA SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE

AT THE ATLANTA SONGWRITERS ANNUAL SHOWCASE BERTIE PRESENTED THE "GEORGIA RECORDING ARTIST OF THE YEAR" AWARD TO ".38 SPECIAL" MEMBERS JEFF CARLISI & MAX CARL. AMONG THE AWARD WINNERS THIS YEAR WERE "THE INDIGO GIRLS" FOR "NEW GEORGIA RECORDING ARTIST" (THEY WENT ON TO WIN A GRAMMY). VERN GOSDIN WON "GEORGIA SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR". BERTIE WAS HONORED AS RECORDING ARTIST OF THE YEAR SEVERAL YEARS AGO BY THE SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION.

"PALM BEACH" USED ON THE "GRAND THEFT HOTEL" EPISODE OF "B.L.STRYKER"

ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES WE ARE SHARING WITH YOU SOME MEMORIES CAPTURED AT SOUTHERN TRACKS RECORDING STUDIO IN ATLANTA AND ON THE "STRYKER" SET IN THE JUPITER FLORIDA AREA.

AMONG THE "UNSUNG HEROS" IN THE RECORDING BUSINESS ARE THE STUDIO MANAGER AND ENGINEER. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER SO THAT A SESSION RUNS SMOOTHLY FOR THE PRODUCER, ARTIST, AND SESSION PLAYERS. SOUTHERN TRACKS IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE SOME OF THE FINEST PROFESSIONALS (AND THE NICEST GUYS) IN THE BUSINESS. OUR HATS ARE OFF TO MIKE CLARK, RUSS FOWLER AND TAG GEORGE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK ON "PALM BEACH". THE SULTRY AND SENSUAL SAXOPHONE PART WAS PLAYED BY ATLANTA SESSION PLAYER STUTZ WEIMER. ALSO THIS WAS BERTIE'S FIRST EFFORT AS A RECORD PRODUCER....HE DID SUCH A PROFESSIONAL JOB.



STUTZ WEIMER, RUSS FOWLER (ENGINEER)



MIKE CLARK (STUDIO MANAGER)

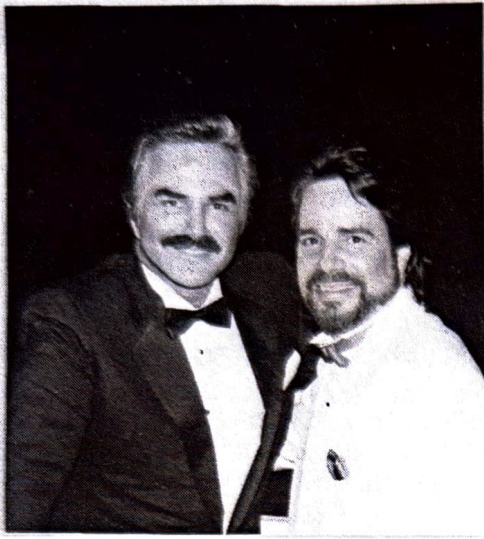


**IN THE MAKE-UP ROOM WITH
'CHARLES NELSON REILLY**



IS THIS A "HAIR DO" OR A "HAIR DON'T"?

CO-WRITERS...BURT & BERTIE



JIM "COACH", REYNOLDS



BURT, ALONG WITH SONNY LIMBO CO-WROTE "PALM BEACH" WITH BERTIE. THIS WAS BURT'S FIRST CREDIT AS AN ASCAP SONG WRITER.

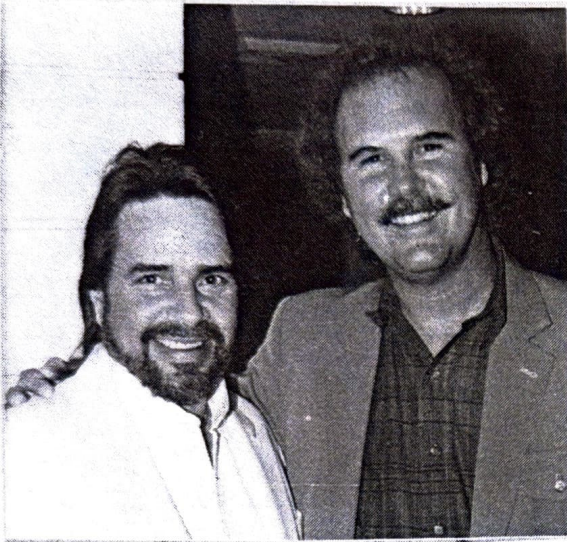
BURT'S BROTHER JIM AND BERTIE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS. JIM ALSO ACTS BUT DOES MUCH OF HIS WORK AS A STUNTMAN.



ON THE SET.... THE BAND MEMBERS USED ON THE SHOW ARE NOT BERTIE'S REGULAR BAND. THESE MUSICIANS PLAY ON FLORIDA'S SOUTHEAST COAST. MICK MILLER (TO BERTIE'S LEFT) IS THE SON-IN-LAW OF BURT REYNOLD'S ASSISTANT, ELAINE HALL. THANK YOU IS NOT ENOUGH, ELAINE MADE THIS EXPERIENCE WONDERFUL FOR ALL OF US... SHE'S THE BEST!! (THE BAND MEMBERS ARE: GEORGE MOUNT, DOUG DEROSIA, JOHN MANOCHINO, JOE MILLER, MICK MILLER AND PAUL SANTA MARIA.)

THE EPISODE AIRED FEBRUARY 24TH. ON ABC. IT WAS A TERRIFIC SHOW... WE WERE NATURALLY VERY PROUD. IF YOU DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO SEE IT DO TRY TO CATCH THE RERUN.

"FRIENDS OF BERTIE HIGGINS"



**MEET.... FAN CLUB MEMBER
RALPH T. HEATH, JR.**



MEET.... TANYA TUCKER

FAN CLUB MEMBER RALPH T. HEATH, JR. AND BERTIE ARE LONG TIME FRIENDS. RALPH IS THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF THE SUNCOAST SEABIRD SANCTUARY, INC. 18328 GULF BLVD., INDIAN SHORES FLORIDA.

THE SANCTUARY IS THE LARGEST WILD BIRD HOSPITAL IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS DEDICATED TO THE RESCUE, REPAIR, RECUPERATION AND RELEASE OF SICK AND INJURED WILD BIRDS. A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, THE SANCTUARY OPERATES ENTIRELY ON TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

RALPH AND THE SANCTUARY STAFF WELCOME VISITORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, SO IF YOUR VISITING THE TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG AREA DO TAKE THE SHORT TRIP TO THE SANCTUARY AND VISIT THE BIRDS. IT'S WELL WORTH THE TRIP. WHILE THERE SAY "HELLO" TO RALPH.

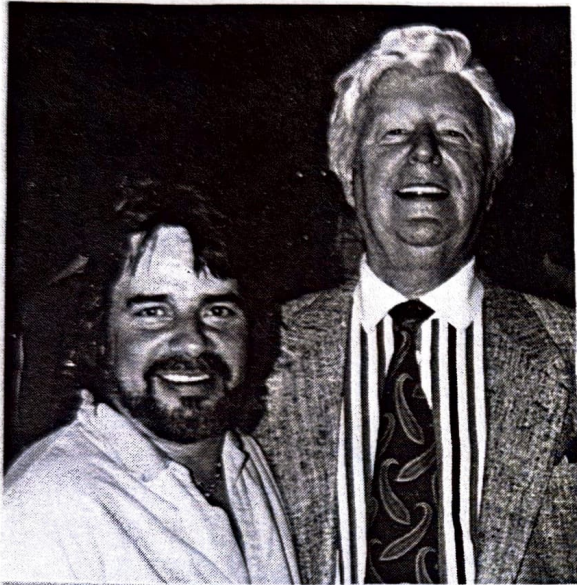
EARLY IN HIS CAREER BERTIE WROTE AND RECORDED TWO SONGS, ("PELICAN PELICAN" & "SANCTUARY") ON THE SANCTUARY RECORDING LABEL. THIS 45 RPM RECORD IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FAN CLUB. THESE SONGS ARE REALLY CUTE AND VINTAGE BERTIE.



TANYA WAS VACATIONING IN PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA WHEN SHE SPOTTED BERTIE'S NAME ON THE MARQUE AT A LOCAL CLUB. SHE STOPPED IN TO SEE THE SHOW AND HAVE A VISIT WITH HER OLD FRIEND BERTIE. ABOUT A YEAR OR SO AGO SHE AND BERTIE DID SOME SCUBA DIVING OFF KEY WEST FOR "THE NASHVILLE NETWORK'S SHOW "CELEBRITY OUTDOORS".

"TOKYO JOE"

SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR BERTIE TOURS IN THE FAREAST. HE IS EXTREMELY POPULAR IN JAPAN AND HONG KONG ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO JAPAN HE PLAYED TO SOLD OUT HOUSES. HERE IN TOKYO IS BERTIE WITH THE TOUR PROMOTER JASON NAKAMURA.



MAESTRO ALBERT COLEMAN

FAN FAIR

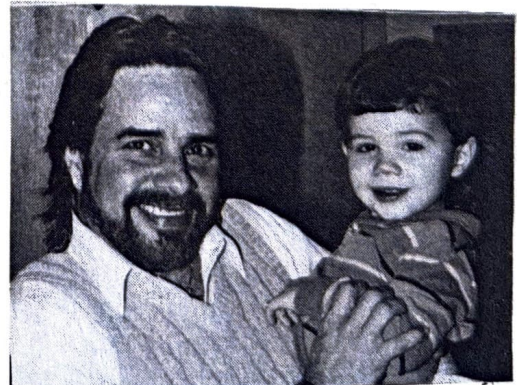
FAN FARE 1990 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER... JUNE 4TH. — 8TH. WE WILL AGAIN BE IN BOOTH 704. BERTIE IS PLANNING ON BEING AT THE BOOTH ON THE 5TH. & 6TH. AND THEN HE WILL BE HEADING FOR PENNSYLVANIA TO ATTEND HIS SON DAMIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

THE CONTEST DETAILED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER IS BEING CONTINUED UNTIL THE END OF JUNE. THE PRIZE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT NEWS LETTER.

"GIFTS FROM THE HEART"

A NATURAL PART OF THE MUSIC BUSINESS IS TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME AND TALENT TO A VARIETY OF CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH BERTIE DOES BENEFIT SHOWS FOR PROJECTS CLOSE TO HIS HEART. BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE ALONG WITH SUPPORTING FLORIDA WILDLIFE PROJECTS ARE HIGH PRIORITIES. HERE IS BERTIE WITH MAESTRO ALBERT COLEMAN, PRODUCER, DIRECTOR & COMPOSER OF THE ATLANTA POP'S. THEY APPEARED TOGETHER AT THE VARIETY CLUB'S "CASH FOR KIDS" GALA HOSTED BY MONTE HALL. BERTIE HAS USED THE ATLANTA POPS ON SEVERAL OF HIS ALBUM CUTS. TO HEAR BERTIE SING BACKED—UP BY THE ATLANTA POPS IS AN EXPERIENCE JUST THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN!!!



PAPA WITH HIS YOUNGEST AARON ALEXANDER TWO AND A HALF YEARS OLD

APPEARANCE SCHEDULE:

UNTIL BERTIE HAS A REGULAR TOUR SCHEDULE WE WILL CONTINUE TO NOTIFY YOU OF APPEARANCE DATES AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING RATHER THAN IN THE NEWSLETTER.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

THIS SECTION IS OMITTED FROM THIS ISSUE BECAUSE WE DECIDED TO INCLUDE MORE PHOTOS.

MAIL:

THANKS FOR ALL OF THE LETTERS IT'S GREAT TO HEAR FROM SO MANY OF YOU. ALSO THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE COMPLIMENTS ON THE FAN CLUB AND NEWSLETTER, IT'S GOOD TO KNOW YOU ARE PLEASED WITH YOUR FAN CLUB. WE ENJOY YOUR PHOTOS AND WILL USE THEM AS SOON AS WE CAN IN EACH NEWSLETTER. SO KEEP SENDING THEM TO US.

"GONE WITH THE WIND":

WE HOPE TO HAVE AVAILABLE ON CASSETTE THE "GONE WITH THE WIND" ALBUM THAT WAS RELEASED ONLY IN THE FAREAST. IT SHOULD BE WITHIN THREE TO FOUR MONTHS.

COUNTRY MUSIC PUBLICATIONS:

WE RECOMMEND TWO FINE MAGAZINES... MUSIC CITY NEWS AND COUNTRY MUSIC USA. YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO MUSIC CITY NEWS THROUGH THE FAN CLUB FOR \$17.00 PER YEAR AND TO COUNTRY MUSIC USA BY CALLING 1-800-USA-1191.

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